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GOVERNOR HELPS CONSUMERS FIGHT THE GAS-PRICE BATTLE
Online 'Toolkit' Goes Live Today

PHOENIX – Understanding that Arizona consumers are looking for help when it comes to beating high gas prices, Governor Janet Napolitano today added a new consumer toolkit to her website at www.azgovernor.gov. By clicking on the button on the right-hand side of the page entitled, "Tips for Fighting High Gas Prices," consumers will be linked to a convenient, comprehensive list of web-based gas-saving tools.

"Everyone is feeling the pinch of rising gas prices, and it hurts," said Governor Napolitano. "Fortunately, there are steps we can take to make every gas dollar go farther."

Many of the web tools are interactive. For example, one link takes the user to a AAA site that allows driving vacationers to enter their destination, along with vehicle information, to generate a to-the-penny estimate of what gasoline for the full trip will cost. Other links offer carpool and bus information statewide, as well as locator pages that will show the user where to find the cheapest gas, closest to home.

According to AAA Arizona, as of May 21, the current statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Arizona is \$3.65, an increase of 12 cents from last week. While these prices are low compared with much of the country, the current average price is 56 cents more than in May of last year.

"As we enter the summer-driving season with the start of the Memorial Day weekend, my goal is to provide Arizonans with real-time information that can help ease concerns and lead to a less-stressful travel experience," said the Governor.

Media note: Linda Gorman at AAA Arizona will be available for interviews. Please feel free to link your organization's website to the Governor's gas price web page.

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